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In re Application of

Thomas Gore et al.

Application No. 10/539,670 DECISION ON PETITION

Filed: January 5, 2005

Attorney Docket No. I-2002.025 US

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 10, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed January 21, 2009, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on March 22, 2009. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 7, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment, (2) the petition fee of \$1,620 and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the amendment is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Since the statement contained in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3). Petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at (571) 272-4618.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1648 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received December 10, 2009.

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